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## The Brady Brief - Fighting for the Little Guy


Dear Friend,

Last week, I voted against a reckless spending bill that aims to cut government spending by defunding vital and necessary government programs. H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, put forth billions of dollars of harmful reductions in a misguided attempt to reduce the federal deficit.

While I believe that difficult choices must be made to get our financial house in order, it is imperative that our efforts at reducing the deficit do not imperil the lives or well-being of those who depend on essential government services. The following are just some of the damaging changes I voted against - \$2.5 billion less funding to the National Institutes of Health, 1,330 fewer cops, 2,400 fewer firefighters, \$800 reduction per student in the maximum Pell Grant award, defunding Planned Parenthood, and many others.

As Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration, I took to the House floor to defend those working in our nation's Capitol who would be most hurt by these irresponsible cuts. Please click on the following to watch the video of my speech on the House floor.



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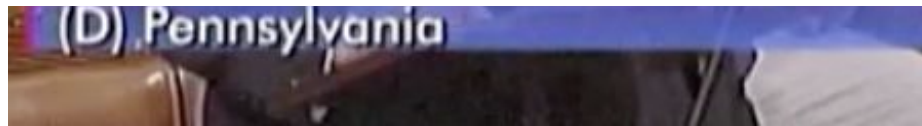
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While this Continuing Resolution passed the House, it has yet to be passed in the Senate or signed into law by the President. Please know that I will continue to fight to preserve the government programs vital to my constituents' well-being. Should you have any questions about this or any other issue, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Brady  
Member of Congress

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